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Dear Dr Worth,

The Committee has considered your application for permission to accept a position as Head of the Better Public Services Project at Policy Exchange after leaving Crown service on 05 June 2012.

Noting that you had no dealings, contractual or otherwise, with Policy Exchange whilst in public service; having verified that you had no involvement in policy development; and recognising the wide-ranging nature of the role and that of Policy Exchange as a charitable organisation, the Committee, with no dissentients, recommended to the Permanent Secretary of the Cabinet Office that the application be approved subject to the condition that for twelve months from your last day of service, you should not become personally involved in lobbying UK Government Ministers or Crown servants, including Special Advisers, on behalf of your new employer.

Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communication with Government (including Ministers, special advisers and officials) with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted.

As with all Special Advisers, the Committee made this recommendation on the understanding that you have confirmed in writing to your department that you recognise that you will continue to be bound by the provisions of the criminal law (including the Official Secrets Act) which protect certain categories of information, and by his duty of confidentiality owed to the Crown.

The Permanent Secretary of the Cabinet Office, Ian Watmore, accepted the Committee's recommendation.

Should you propose to change your role as Head of the Better Public Services Project at Policy Exchange, I would be grateful if you would inform us, since depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for you to make a fresh application to the Committee.

I would be grateful if you could let us know as soon as you take up employment with Policy Exchange or when it is announced that you will do so. I enclose a form for this purpose. We shall otherwise not be able to deal with any enquiries, since we do not release information about appointments which have not been taken up or announced. This could lead to a false assumption being made about whether you had complied with the rules.

We will then we will publish this letter on the Advisory Committee's website at <http://acoba.independent.gov.uk>, and include the main details of the employment, together with the Committee's advice and the date on which you began this role, in both the regularly updated consolidated list on the website and in the next annual report.

I am copying this letter to Will MacGee, Cabinet Office HR.

Yours sincerely,

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